GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Compensation for Damages of Crops
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the norms for the compensation on the damages to the crops by storm;

(b) whether it is a fact that the compensation on the damages is being provided on old rates and hence the farmers are not getting any benefit;

(c) if so, the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the outcome thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Financial assistance from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) in the wake of notified natural calamities is for immediate relief and not by way of compensation for the loss suffered. The existing guidelines for items and norms of assistance from SDRF and NDRF were issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs on 08.04.2015 and are applicable for a period of five years with effect from 2015-16 to 2019-20. As per these guidelines, assistance from SDRF/NDRF, inter alia, include assistance towards input subsidy for crop loss of 33% and above, which was earlier admissible for crop loss of 50% and above. The scale of assistance towards input subsidy for crop loss has been enhanced by about 50%, which is now Rs.6800/- per ha for rainfed areas, Rs.13500/- per ha for assured irrigated areas and Rs.18000/- per ha for all types of perennial crops. The financial assistance is being provided at the new rates with effect from 08.04.2015.

(c) & (d): Not applicable.

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